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SUBJ: ITU: AERONAUTICAL WARC: BUTLER VIEWS

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1. DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL BUTLER CALLED MISSION SOLICITING U.S. VIWES ON POSSIBILITY OF POSTPONING 1978 AERONAUTICAL WARC. BUTLER ADVISED THAT AS USG AWARE, HE IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO POSTPONEMENT OF THIS CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH HE IS AWARE THAT SEVERAL MEMBERS OF IFRB ARE PUSHING IDEA OF POSTPONEMENT TO 1979 WARC. BUTLER EMPHASIZED IT WOULD BE A "GREAT MISTAKE" TO POSTPONE CONFERENCE, NOTING, AMONG OTHER REASONS, THAT ABOUT 80 OF MOST INTERESTED ITU MEMBERS WOULD BE PRESENT AT SEPARATE AERO-WARC WHILE VIRTUALLY ALL OF 152 ITU MEMBERS WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT 1979 WARC.

2. MISSION INFORMED BUTLER THAT U.S. SHARED HIS VIEW AND MISSION HAD RECOMMENDED THAT U.S. START CONSULTING SYMPATHETIC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WELL IN ADVANCE OF COUNCIL MEETING IN MAY, PERHAPS BEGINNING AT BROADCASTING SATELLITE CONFERENCE. BUTLER CAUTIONED AGAINST DOING THIS AT 1977 WARC SINCE HE FEARED THAT IF 1978 WARC WERE MUCH DISCUSSED IN CORRIDORS, IT MIGHT TRIGGER SOME UNDESIRABLE ACTION AT UPCOMING CONFERENCE.

3. BUTLER ALSO ADVISED THAT UK, AUSTRALIA AND USSR OPPOSED ANY CHANGE IN SCHEDULING OF AERO-WARC AND SCANDINAVIANS STRONGLY SUPPORTED POSTPONEMENT. HE ADDED THAT ICAO PREPARATIONS, HOWEVER,
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SEEMED TO HIM TO BE LAGGING AND IT WAS UP TO INTERESTED

GOVERNMENTS TO PUSH ICAO TO MOVE FASTER IN COMPLETING ITS
PART OF THE WORK. HE ALSO HOPED THAT MAJOR POWERS WERE GOING
INTO THIS CONFERENCE PREPARED TO MAKE SOME CONCESSIONS
(UNSPECIFIED) AND NOT BE SADDLED WITH RIGID NEGOTIATING POSITIONS.
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